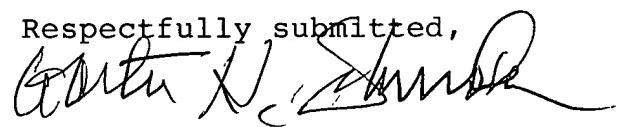


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Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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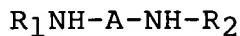
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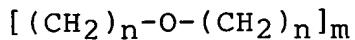
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---3. A process according to Claim 1 [or 2] wherein the carboxy activating agent is selected from carbonyldiimidazole, carbonyl-triazole, chloromethylpyridylum iodide (CMP-J), hydroxybenzotriazole, p-nitrophenol p-nitrophenyltrifluoroacetate, and N-hydroxysuccinimide.---

---4. A process according to Claim 2 [any one of claims 1 to 3] wherein the polyamines have the following general formula:



wherein R_1 and R_2 , which are the same or different, are hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl or benzyl groups, A is a C_2-C_{10} alkylene chain, preferably a C_2-C_6 alkylene chain, optionally substituted by hydroxy, carboxy, halogen, alkoxy, amino groups; a polyoxy-alkylene chain of formula



wherein n is 2 or 3 and m is an interger from 2 to 10; a C_5-C_7 cycloalkyl group; an aryl or hetaryl group, preferably 1,3 or 1,4 disubstituted benzene.---

---5. A process according to Claim 4 [any one of claims 1 to 4] wherein the polysaccharide is salified with lipophilic cations.---

---7. A process according to Claim 4 [any one of claims 1 to 7] wherein the cross-linking reaction is carried out in anhydrous dimethylformamide or tetrahydrofuran.---

---8. A process according to Claim 4 [any one of claims 1 to 7] wherein the obtained cross-linked polyssaccharide is further subjected to sulfation of the hydroxy groups by reaction with pyridine/sulfur trioxide complex.---

---10. A process according to Claim 8 [any one of claims 1 to 9] wherein the cross-linked, optionally sulfated polysaccharide, is further subjected to complexation reacton with aqueous solutions of copper, zinc or iron ions.---

---11. Cross linked polysaccharides obtainable by the process of Claim 4 [claims 1 to 10].---